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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's species election requirement, applicant hereby elects for prosecution the species of claim 12, namely that the compound is "unstable".

All pending claims 1-19 read on the elected species and should therefore be examined on their merits. In this regard, as described on page 2, line 21 through page 3, line 7, that the unstable compound may be one of a secondary metabolite or protein which may be produced by fermentation using a micro-organism. Thus, claims 1-12 are generic to all disclosed species, with claim 12 is generic to the subspecies of claims 13-14 and 18. As such the dependencies of claims 13 and 15 have been amended accordingly.

Applicant has also taken this opportunity to correct an obvious typographical error appearing in pending claim 18.

A favorable action on the merits of all pending claims 1-19 is awaited.

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